



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

04/14/04
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PLACEMENTS DOWN 6%

For the week ending April 10, 2004, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 5.8% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) decreased 5.8% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.9 million, a decrease of 7.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.3 million for the week ending April 03, 2004 compared to 11.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
02/14/04	13,226	13,842	11,870	11,058	11,871	11,058
02/21/04	13,818	13,901	12,082	10,922	12,084	10,922
02/28/04	14,050	14,024	11,961	10,990	11,961	10,990
03/06/04	14,829	13,917	10,815	11,199	10,817	11,202
03/13/04	14,995	13,782	11,405	11,226	11,405	11,227
03/20/04	14,400	13,774	11,592	11,393	11,595	11,395
03/27/04	14,356	13,931	12,210	11,328	12,210	11,628
* 04/03/04	15,118	13,856	12,425	11,217	12,427	11,428
04/10/04	15,032	13,921	11,861	11,176	11,861	11,176

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 04/17/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	76.42	76.04	75.77	52.04
12-City Composite 2/	76.00	76.96	75.92	57.71

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.